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WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL NAMES MONEY RAISERS.

All Factions Represented on Finance Committee of Democratic State Campaign.

FIVE BANKERS ON LIST.

Popular Appeal will be made for Contributions on Behalf of Candidate Dunne.

William L. O'Connell, chairman of the Democratic state campaign committee and personal manager for Edward F. Dunne, gubernatorial nominee, has named the following gentlemen to, on his finance committee which will aid him in obtaining funds to make the Democratic state wheels go round.

Every faction of the state democracy is represented on the O'Connell organization, which is expected to work in conjunction with the state central committee, of which Arthur W. Charles of Carmi is the head.

Five Bankers on the List.

Five bankers are among the Democratic money getters. The list includes:

Frederick H. Rawson, president of the Union Trust company of Chicago, who will be custodian of the funds.

Benjamin F. Caldwell of Sangamon county, defeated candidate for governor.

Fred J. Kern, mayor of Belleville.

Elmore Hurst, lawyer, of Rock Island, the choice of the Illinois delegation to Baltimore for vice president.

Millard R. Dunlap, banker, of Jacksonville, once the downstate Bryan leader and antagonist of the Sullivan contingent in many battles.

Oscar G. Foreman, banker.—Chicago.

John E. Traeger, Chicago, controller, and vice-president of the People's Trust and Savings Bank.

W. A. Tilden, president of the Fort Dearborn bank.

John Barton Payne, lawyer.

John Garibaldi, wholesale merchant.

Frank G. Hajicek, president Lawndale State bank.

Julius P. Smietanka, lawyer.

THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

3825 Dearborn St.

Rev. A. J. Carey, D. D. Ph. D. Minister.

The officers and members of the Institutional Church are congratulating themselves upon their latest donation of eight hundred dollars worth of handsome, solid oak, leather cushioned chairs. The entire aspect of the chapel, neighborhood parlor, reading room and offices is completely changed by this addition of appropriate furniture.

The National Convention of Negro Business Men's League, whose late sessions were held in this church demonstrated the truth of the official record that the seating capacity of the Institutional Church is greater than that of any other church of our race in this city. Its ventilation system is perfect and it is the coolest and pleasantest house of worship in Chicago.

Last Sunday was the pastor's birthday. The officers and members commemorated by tendering the pastor and his family a delightful banquet in Arnett Hall on Monday evening. Covers were laid for one hundred twenty guests. The hall was tastefully decorated and a satisfying menu was served. Mrs. E. H. Jiles, President of the Stewards Board, was in charge and saw that everything went off with the veritable precision of clock work. Several addresses complimentary to the Pastor's good work were delivered.

Mr. Robert Stokes, Secretary of the Trustees Board of Quinn Chapel, told of the very excellent work which Dr. Carey accomplished for that great church during his six years pastorate there. How he reduced its debt from \$43,000.00.

Mr. George W. Preston, former treasurer of Bethel Church, told of how Dr. Carey saved Bethel Church from the Sheriff's hands and added over 2500 souls to its membership during his five years in that charge.

The work accomplished for the Institutional Church was eloquently told by Mr. N. S. Dinglespeel, Mesdames E. H. Jiles, Mary Buckner, Ada Taylor, Elizabeth Burgess, Jessie Thomas, Miss Annie Tennis and Messrs. Geo. Alexander, F. H. Wyche and F. D. Hooker. Dr. L. M. Fenwick acted as Master of Ceremonies.

To-morrow Dr. Carey will preach morning and evening. He is much concerned now about his conference reports and hopes that every member who has not already paid his (or her) "dollar money will do so tomorrow.

THE PEKIN THEATER OPENED ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC MONDAY EVENING.

Both Performances Well Attended.

Monday evening, the Pekin Theater opened its doors to the public. It was the intention of Manager Frank Haight, to open on Saturday evening, but it was impossible to do so.

Both shows were well attended, and many old familiar faces were noted in all parts of the house—those who always attended the Pekin, during the life time of Robert T. Motts.

The bill for the opening night, was exceptionally strong and good. Lilly Gray, and her beans picks, were without a doubt, almost the top head liners. Her act is lively, and full of real fun which provokes much laughter. Sid Perrin, and Goldie Crosby, were the real head liners. They are artists of the highest order, and they never get old, even if one should witness their performance, two or three times a week. They always have on hand a large stock of original jokes and it would make anyone laugh, no matter how serious they may be, and to forget the worries and cares of this life, to witness them and grow fat at their antics.

Jennie Eldridge, made her bow, singing "My Old Kentucky Home." Her voice was a little weak for the song and possibly a little timid for the opening night; but she made a hit with the audience just the same.

The Southern Duo, and the Howard Company were up-to-date, and all that could be expected. The bill from end to end was clean, and no real raw jokes were indulged in, to cause anyone to blush.

The feature motion pictures, were new and unseen before on State street, and they were exceedingly instructive and interesting.

Manager Haight, deserves to be highly complimented, for dishing up, a high class show right on the start. He promises, that in the future and right along, that he will maintain the same standard as much as possible. And no stale acts will be put on the billboards for the patrons of the Pekin.

Under the new management, young colored women will act as ushers. Miss Anna Gibbs, Miss Bailey, Walker, Miss Edna Dorsey, Miss Eva Green and Miss Edna Martin, who are at present serving as ushers and being tastefully dressed, they impart an air of tone and respectability to the Pekin in this respect which was lacking in the past.

George J. Terrell, occupied his old position in receiving tickets at the door, and it looked like old times to see him at his familiar post.

Elijah J. Smith, in his full dress suit, who is a friend of many years of Manager Haight, assisted him to receive the patrons in the main lobby, and to welcome them in.

W. H. Smith, who assisted Robert T. Motts, to open The Pekin in 1904 assisted on the stage, and saw to it, that there was no delay between acts.

The music by the Orchestra, was very lively and passed muster in good shape, and the new management of The Pekin, so far feel well pleased over the patronage it received and they will strive in every way to make The Pekin as popular or more popular than it was in the palmy days, under the management of Robert T. Motts.

WALTERS A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Cor. 38th & Dearborn Sts., Rev. H. J. Callis, D. D., Pastor.

The members and friends of our church who came out last Sunday evening had a delightful surprise in hearing the splendid sermon delivered by Rev. Chas. Stewart of this city. It was a real treat. Rev. Stewart can come again when he is in town. The sermon in the morning by Rev. Callis on a "Chance for every one" was up to his usual way of doing things. A large audience was out and many expressed themselves as being helped and inspired by the discourse. At the close of the sermon one young woman gave her heart to God and with two others united with the church, it was a glorious Sunday morning. The offering for the day was \$45.00.

Sunday is the first Sabbath in the month, and the Holy Communion will be celebrated at the morning service. Rev. Callis will preach on "The Present Value of the Lord's Supper." Those who wish to hear him on this subject must come early. The service begins 11 a. m. sharp. In the evening

he will preach on "The Greatest Thing in the World" the subject advertised for last Sunday evening.

Parents who do not send their children to other Sunday Schools are very cordially invited to bring or send them to our school which convenes at 1:15 p. m. every Sunday.

The young people generally as well as all others who desire to come are cordially invited to our Christian endeavor service which meets at half past six o'clock.—"S"

THE RAT—RAUS MIT HIM.

Why wait for the menace of nearby Bubonic Plague before beginning the war on rats.

The docks and riverfronts, the barns, stables and basements, the grain elevators, the hotels and restaurants of all our large cities are all infested with rats. All seagoing vessels convey these pests in their holds. And yet it is only when we are threatened with the dread Bubonic Plague that any attempts are made to exterminate these known carriers of this terrible disease.

In view of the well-known fact that in addition to being a serious menace to public health, rats destroy annually millions of dollars' worth of valuable property in the United States alone, it might be wise to make a war of extermination continuous and permanent instead of confining it to mere intermittent and sporadic spasms of activity that are over and forgotten so soon as the public fear of the plague has subsided.

A good place for the cities to begin the work of eradicating rats from present-day civilization, would be by passing adequate laws regulating the construction of wharfs and docks by requiring that they be built of concrete. Also that the floors and foundations in barns, stables and warehouses be constructed of the same rat-proof material.

It would certainly be a long step in the right direction in the work of ridding the country of rats, to do away with the conditions that harbor them and under which they thrive and multiply in countless millions. With this important work thoroughly and intelligently carried out, their complete extermination would speedily follow.

And the yearly saving in dollars and cents alone would soon more than pay for the expense incurred, to say nothing of the marked improvement that would be effected in sanitary conditions generally throughout the land.

DR. BROOKS LOSES RAILROAD TICKET.

Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, pastor of St. Paul Church, who left last Saturday in company with his wife and a party of Shriners for Washington, D. C., had the misfortune to lose the railroad tickets of himself and wife while en route to Washington. It is not known just how or where the tickets were lost. Friends in St. Louis were apprised of the facts when Dr. D. W. Scott received a telegram from Dr. Brooks telling of his misfortune. The tickets covered a round trip to New York. The loss will not make any change in the plans for the trip.—The Argus, St. Louis, Mo., August 24th, 1912.

Rev. Brooks was for a long time pastor of St. Stephen's Church, on the West side in this city, and while in Chicago he performed a good work for his Lord.

REV. RANSOM DESERTS ROOSEVELT.

Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom, former pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, of New York and Chicago, and now editor of the A. M. E. Review, has deserted Col. Roosevelt. Dr. Ransom was one of the Colonel's most enthusiastic admirers and made the principal speech at a big Roosevelt meeting conducted by Negroes during the recent national Republican convention at Chicago which was held at Bethel Church.

Last Sunday he spoke in New York City, on "Theodore Roosevelt and the Negroes Political Dilemma."

ST. MARY'S A. M. E. CHURCH.

5251 Dearborn St.

Rev. James Higgins, Pastor.

Services 10:45—7:45

S. S. 1:45—C. E. 6:45.

At 10:45 Sermon by the Pastor.

At 8 o'clock The Choir will have a sacred song service. Mrs. Sadie Lyrie, Chorister.

On Monday, Sept. 2nd, Barbecue, Baby Contest and Doll Contest.

In the evening There will be a Childrens Concert and Hoop Drill.

Prof. C. H. Johnson, of Wilberforce University, Ohio, is in the city visiting his brother, J. S. Johnson.

Mrs. Etta Conway, of Peoria, Ill., was in the city last week the guest of Mrs. B. F. Moseley, 9248 S. Sangamon street.

CHIPS.

R. M. Johnson, second vice-president of the Mt. Glenwood Cemetery Association, 3125 S. State street; this week, severed all of his business relations with that company.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins, 3332 Calumet avenue; spent the past week at the west Michigan Resort near Benton Harbor, Mich.

Attorney R. A. J. Shaw, 36 W. Randolph street; taken a five days' vacation trip to South Haven, Mich; the latter part of last and the first of this week.

Misses Elizabeth Clark, Sis Henderson and Aurelia Ward were among the number that spent a delightful time at the West Michigan Resort; last week.

Miss Ruth Bradley of Kansas City has been highly entertained while in the city. Quite a number of receptions have been given in her honor.

Mrs. Helen McFatiek, of Peoria, Ill., was visiting in the city last week, she was the guest of Mrs. Doughtry. She attended the opening session of the Negro National Business League, in company with Mr. Cary B. Lewis.

Mrs. M. Overall, and her daughter of Kansas City, Mo., have for the past two weeks been visiting their old friend, Mrs. Hattie Arant, 3635 Vernon avenue; and they were all three present at the ball and reception at the 7th Regiment Armory last Friday evening.

Attorney Albert B. George, is on a vacation trip to Washington, D. C. It is rumored that he may succeed in causing a beautiful young lady of that city to change her name to Mrs. George and return with his bride to Chicago.

Prof. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington, left Monday at noon, for their home at Tuskegee, Ala., well pleased with their one week's visit in Chicago where they freely mingled with its best people and high social leaders.

Mrs. Louise Montgomery, 5436 Dearborn street; celebrated her umpteenth birthday last Saturday; and her good husband, John T. Montgomery, who is one of the pillars in Olivet Baptist Church, remembered her with a nice present.

Mrs. S. J. Patterson, St. Louis, Mo., mother of W. E. North the Jeweler, 3536 S. State street; and the mother of A. B. Patterson, has been on a visit to her sons, and witnessed the State street carnival and attended the sessions of the Negro National Business League.

Mrs. Sandy W. Trice, 6438 Vincennes avenue, returned home the first of the week from a pleasant visit to Omaha, Neb., and Denver, Colo. While in the first named city she was the guest of Mrs. Minnie Costen, and in the latter city she was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Fisher. Mrs. Trice is much benefited in health by her western trip.

L. B. Jeffries, a Negro contractor and builder at Greensboro, N. C., recently won out in a bid for the contract of a \$4,000 school house for whites. The commissioners accepted the Negro's bid because he was a taxpayer and a capable and trustworthy workman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Thompson, Washington D. C., spent last week in this city, taking in its many sights. Mr. Thompson is a brilliant newspaper writer of long experience and he covered the sessions of the National Negro Business League for many newspapers throughout the United States.

Richard Chester, and his wife Mrs. Dora Chester, residing at 3306 Wabash avenue; had a hand to hand fight last Saturday evening, and with Mr. Chester fearing that his wife would get the best of him in the fight whipped out his revolver and shot her in the side. She was carted off to Provident Hospital and last accounts her condition was that she was liable to become an angel at any time. Mr. Chester will rest up in the Cook County jail for some time.

Miss Vera Wesley gave a musical on Monday night, August 26th, at her home in Vernon Ave. The following program was rendered:

Instrumental solo—Miss Mable Scott, Nashville, Tenn.

Vocal solo—Miss Evans, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Instrumental solo—Mr. J. A. Mundy. Vocal solo—Mr. Adkinson.

Instrumental solo—Miss Ethel Minor. Vocal solo—Mr. Opal Cooper.

Instrumental solo—Miss Evelyn Miller.

Vocal solo—Mr. Hugh Buchanan. Remarks—"Musical Culture"—Mr. Cary B. Lewis.

Madam Anita Patti Brown entertained on Monday night with a musical and solree at the Dunbar, 3523 State street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson of Washington, D. C., Miss Alberta Booker of Little Rock, Ark., and visiting friends. A very high class musical program was rendered. Those participating were Mrs. W. Sloan, Miss Mable Scott, Mr. Geo. Johnson, Mr. F. Shelby, Miss Pearl Lowery, California, Mr. Frank Fowler Brown, Indianapolis and the Umbrian Glee Club. Miss Smith, the accompanist of Mrs. Brown read a very appropriate selection. Dancing followed the musicale.

Miss Beatrice Manning 3524 Calumet Ave. entertained at her beautiful home Sunday evening in honor of Miss Ruth Bradley of Kansas City, Kan. Miss Frances Smith of Columbus, Ohio, Miss Cora and Walter Jones, of Topeka, Kans., the beautiful parlors were tastefully decorated with ferns, cut flowers. During the hours of 3 to 7 one hundred and sixty-two guests called. Calumet Ave. from Thirty-fifth to Thirty-seventh St. was a scene of beauty. Some very beautiful gowns was worn by the Society Bella.

He Did His Best.

"Here, waiter," said the man who expected to be at the hotel for several days, "is a dollar. Now I want you to look after me promptly and see that I get the best of everything. When I get ready to leave, if your service has been satisfactory, I'll give you something more."

The waiter obsequiously bowed and assured the gentleman that he should have the best the kitchen afforded, that it would always be served in a hurry and that there would be neatness as well as dispatch.

On the second morning after the gentleman's arrival he had nearly finished his breakfast when he suddenly summoned the waiter and, angrily pointing to his coffee, asked:

"Do you call that taking good care of me? Look at the size of the flies in there! Two of them! Look at the size of 'em!"

"I'm very sorry, sir," the waiter replied, with every evidence of the deepest regret. "Them's the smallest flies we have."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Reason.

The women ask, "Why don't the men wear comfortable dress, As women do, in summer time And thus avoid distress?"

To this men everywhere reply, "We did when we were kids, But since we've come to man's estate Our modesty forbids."

—W. J. Lampton in New York Sun.

Handicaps of an Only Son.

A family on the north side have several children, but only one—the oldest—is a boy. The little lad grew used to sisters, but longed for a brother. The boy was twelve recently, and the house was rather upset in anticipation of something or other. The father was busy, and the son had to sift the ashes and care for the furnace. At this juncture a nurse appeared on the scene, and two days later she came to the little boy.

"What do you think you've got?" she asked him.

"A baby brother!" fairly gasped the youngster.

"No, dearie: it's a baby sister," replied the nurse.

"Gosh!" groaned the youngster. "Must I always sift these ashes?"—National Monthly.

Denatured.

We're all a lot of carping fans; We scold and sneer and bellow. Just listen how the partisans Condemn the other fellow! And yet if candidates were free From all this reckless gunning It wouldn't take us long to see There'd be no fun in running.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Strong Willed.

"Aren't you afraid you may become a slave to the smoking habit?"

"No. I can quit whenever I want to."

"How do you know that? Have you ever tried it?"

"No, but I've cured myself of the habit of voting for every candidate who is nominated by the political party to which I belong, and a man must have a strong will to do that."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Alice—Why are you taking up botany?

Kitty—Because my fiance is interested in a plant of some kind, and I want to be able to converse intelligently with him about his business.—Boston Transcript.

"She is a woman of splendid poise."

"I dinnae about her poise, but her cake is folne."—Houston Post.

Binks—Which is the more dangerous, the automobile or the aeroplane?

Jinks—Well, the aeroplane runs over more people than the automobile.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

FLATS TO RENT.

7240-7242 Wentworth Ave., first flat, 7 Rooms and Bath, \$20.00. Second flat nothing better seven rooms and bath. Rent \$22.00. 5754 Wentworth Ave., 5 Rooms and Bath front flat \$18.00. Four room rear flat, Rent \$10.00. Stone front House 5321 Shields Ave., 5 Rooms and Bath, \$12.00 best resident district. 2811 Armour Ave., 2nd flat 5 Rooms and bath, \$16.00. 3412 La Salle Street, 5 Rooms, \$15.00.

S. RICHARDSON,

160 N. 5th Ave., Room 506, Phone Automatic 33-201.

CANDIDATE FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Harlem (New York) District For James H. Anderson.

HAS FINE PUBLIC RECORD.

Mercantile and Financial Times Pays Splendid Tribute to Editor of the Amsterdam News—What His Election Would Mean to the Race in New York.

New York.—The following statement in a recent issue of the Mercantile and Financial Times, published in this city, concerning the political aspirations of James H. Anderson, founder and editor in chief of the Amsterdam News, is worthy of more than passing notice. The subject is worthy of the tribute, and the facts are not in any wise overstated. The Times says:

"When James H. Anderson, the editor of the Amsterdam News, with offices at 17 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, this city, announced the other day his candidacy for the



JAMES H. ANDERSON.

assembly from the Thirty-fifth assembly district a considerable stir was caused in Harlem politics. Should Mr. Anderson be successful in his ambition—and it is hoped he will—it will be the first time that the colored population in New York will have a member of their own race in the legislative halls at Albany.

Mr. Anderson, who has been a resident of New York for the last twenty-nine years, has taken an active interest in all matters pertaining to the bettering of municipal conditions. He established the Amsterdam News on Dec. 4, 1900, and ever since this weekly publication, which is alive with the news of the day, has made a strong headway.

Mr. Anderson was for a time the assistant sexton in Henry Ward Beecher's church in Brooklyn, and that noted divine took a great interest in the young colored man who was a member of his congregation. During the twenty years that Anderson has been an active figure in public life he has taken a considerable interest in literary and debating societies. He has always worked for the improvement of human conditions, and this work he will continue in a greater degree should he be honored with the election to the assembly.

This aspirant for political honors stands squarely for equal protection for all and special privileges to none. He told a representative of this publication the other day that in case of nomination and election he will not only look after the rights and interests of his own people, but will fight for the welfare of the people in general. It is no more than right that matters coming before legislative discussions in reference to the privileges of the colored people should be debated by a representative of their own class. Mr. Anderson realizes perhaps more than many others that there are many local matters relating to the colored population in this city that need immediate attention.

With a stalwart representative in Albany the colored citizens here could rest assured that they would receive the fullest attention in the legislative body. The colored man needs more of a political and industrial recognition, and by placing one of their own race in the lawmaking body the colored voters would acquire more civic pride, to which they are entitled.

Mr. Anderson is a man of broad ideas, and it would be difficult to find a more level headed man from the Thirty-fifth assembly district than this aspirant for the position of assemblyman.

This district can boast of over 6,000 colored votes, which would be more than necessary for the election of Mr. Anderson, who is a Republican candidate. It is to be expected that both Republicans and Democrats will rally to his support and in doing so they would display good judgment. Making Friends in His New Home. The most recent acquisition to the ranks of professional life in St. Louis is Dr. J. T. Breedlove, formerly a resident of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Breedlove comes highly recommended and has already made a favorable impression upon his new neighbors. He is a man of reputed ability.